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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc held in the Conference Room, Beattie Wing, Flock House, Parewanui Road, Bulls, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12/14 March 1991 commencing at 1.38 p.m. on Tuesday 12 March 1991.

- PRESENT: Mr D. Ward (President in the Chair)
Miss F. Trewby, Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, N. Wallingford and A. McCaw.
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman Executive Secretary, Mr E. Roberts, Executive Officer.
Mr G.M. Reid National Manager
Apicultural NABU MAF.
- PLANNING MEETING: The President indicated that the following people would be attending the Planning Meeting due to commence the following day, Mr Russell Berry (President Waikato Branch), Mr Graeme Cammell (President Auckland Branch), Mr Gavin White (South Island) and Mr Ian Berry (President Packers Association).
- APOLOGIES: Nil
- MINUTES: 1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 12-13 December 1990 having been circulated were taken as read and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendments:
- 1) Page 3, item 4 under Public Relations and Publications, final sentence amended to read, "the meeting accepted the offer of Mr Wallingford to edit the publication until July or the Ministry finalised an appointment."
- Page 11, item 22, Mr Doug Hole should read Mr Doug Hull.
- MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: 1. The Executive Officer reported that he had relayed to the Waikato Branch the information with regard to remit 18 (page 9 of the minutes page 10).
- TRUSTS: 1. Mr McCaw reported that ARAC were currently giving consideration to ways and means of increasing the number and variety of applications for Trust Funds. At least two references had been contained in recent issues of Buzzwords.

2. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to the Chairman of Trustees seeking confirmation of the Trusts administrative procedures in respect of applications (Minutes last meeting page 9) and a reply was awaited.

3. The Executive Secretary reported that the briefing paper for trust applications had been referred to the Trustees and a reply was awaited.

4. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to the Chairman of Trustees seeking the Trustees comments in respect of the provision of guidelines for applications.

5. Mr McCaw reported that the minutes of the last ARAC meeting (December 90) had not yet been finalised, but two matters had arisen and these were:

a) the changing of the closing date for applications to the 15 February and the 15 August to assist in any referral requirements.

b) the setting of specifications in respect of such items as reporting back, amendments to grant procedures, a point of contact, time of notification etc.

Mr McCaw undertook to confirm these to the Association in due course.

6. Brief general discussion took place with respect to the "ownership" of research.

7. The Executive then considered the applications for research.

ADVISORY AND
RESEARCH:

1. The meeting noted Mr Reid's report for this meeting being items:

AAO position Tauranga
Queen Bees to USA
Joint NZ-Australian honey protocols

The meeting recorded its appreciation to Mr Reid in ensuring the continuation of the Tauranga appointment.

2. General discussion then took place with respect to the disease surveillance scheme. The meeting considered, in general terms, the draft letter to the Associate Minister in respect of the funding of the disease surveillance programme.

It was agreed that this should be considered at the Planning Meeting and matters to be considered should include such aspects as:

- a) the preparation of the submission to the Minister
- b) decision on the strategy for the presentation of the submission
- c) completion of the Commodity Levy application draft
- d) the perusal of the draft submission by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - Policy Division

3. With respect to pending legislation Mr Roberts reported that the Minister has requested that the Biosecurity Bill and the Agriculture Compounds Bill be put on the schedule for consideration this year. The latter to proceed irrespective of whether the Hazards Control Commission was established. These two Bills were part of 139 Bills due for consideration and pruning had still to be undertaken by Government.

It was expected that the Resource Management Bill would be enacted by June.

The Primary Products Bill had dropped out of contention at least until 1992.

The meeting was made aware of additional pieces of legislation a) Food Hygiene Regulations which are currently under review and the b) Employment Contracts Bill.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5.36 p.m. and reconvened at 7.57 p.m.

ADVISORY AND
RESEARCH


4. The meeting noted that the President and Executive Officer had still to draft a Policy Statement with regard to the Possum Control Programme.

5. The meeting noted that the Ruakura Apicultural Research Committee would now be meeting on the 23 April. ✓

6. It was noted that (as previously indicated) the minutes of the last ARAC meeting had still to be completed, but Mr McCaw gave a brief review of matters considered being:

- a) a cover sheet for Trust Applications
- b) the use of the title Mary Bumby Trust for any Trust established for the funding for research
- c) presentation of research information to Conference.

7. The Executive Officer presented a report to the Executive in respect of an Industry Code of Practice. It was suggested that the transportation of hives could be included in any code

It was agreed that an article be prepared for the next issue of Buzzwords in respect of this matter to ascertain industry opinion on the desirability of proceeding. 

8. With respect to the establishment of a beekeeping research fund, this matter was under review by ARAC as was the consideration of the imposition of a research levy. It was the opinion of the Executive that any levy should be deferred until at least the clarification of Commodity Levy application.

9. The Executive Officer reported that the paper in respect of the promotion of the value of beekeeping industry funded research had still to be completed.

10. It was noted that the Executive Secretary had written to Mr White

concerning the development of an industry Code of Ethics (siting agreement).

11. With respect to the conference remit 16, the Executive Officer undertook to make enquiries in respect of the current situation but with particular reference to the availability of Government funds and where these were to be channelled.

12. The meeting noted the advice from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries that the proposed release of chilocorus Kuwanae had been delayed.

13. The Executive Secretary reported that enquiries from the Associations Solicitors had so far failed to produce any information in respect of the Christchurch District Court decision in respect of Crown vs Baguley.

14. The meeting noted the response from the Ministry with regard to policy as to oxetechlacylene.

15. The meeting noted that the paper with respect to the release of microctonus hyperodae for control of the Argentine stem weevil was being actioned by the Executive Officer.

PLANNING MEETING: The meeting undertook a review of arrangements for the Planning Meeting the following day.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9.45 p.m. The Planning Meeting commenced at 8.36 a.m. on Wednesday 13 March adjourning at 5.48 p.m. The Executive meeting reconvened at 8.14 p.m. on Wednesday 13 March.

FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION:

1. The meeting noted that there were 11 unpaid hive levies for 1990, all of which were currently with the Solicitors for collection.

2. With regard to the enhancement of NBA members identification with the Association it was noted that the only branch still to be visited was Poverty

Bay.

3. The meeting considered the letter of the 8 March from the Auckland Branch and this was noted. The Executive Secretary to respond that the matter had been discussed with their President.

REPORTS:

1) Federated Farmers.

Mr Martin reported on the comment from Federated Farmers that Beekeepers were reluctant to join Federated Farmers.

Mr Martin suggested that the Association should support Federated Farmers in their endeavours in respect of rural identification for fire.

The Executive Secretary reported on the request from Federated Farmers for an industry update for their recent council meeting and it was agreed that this be updated every six months.

2. It was noted that the Apiary Advisory Committee had not again met.

FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION:

4. The meeting noted the financial statements ended 31 December 1990 which had been audited and these were approved for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

5. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for December 1990 and January and February 1991 being cheque numbers 270981 to 271742 and totalling \$64390.75.

6. The meeting considered the draft annual report prepared by the Executive Secretary and this was approved for submission to the members and included the summary of trust investments to the 31 December 1990.

7. Miss Trewby reported on her discussions with D. Hurst (Tahunua) and it was agreed that she have further discussions with Mr Hurst and make Mr Grueber aware of the outcome of these discussions.

8. The meeting considered requests for deferment on Hive Levy.

9. The meeting considered the revised contract for the provision of Management Support Services for the Association by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and this was approved for signature on behalf of the Association by the President.

10. The following timetable for the 1991 elections were approved.
Nominations to close Tuesday 21 May.
Despatch of voting papers Friday 31 May.
Voting papers to be returned by Friday 21 June.

Counting of votes Monday 24 June.

It was agreed that nomination forms be distributed with Buzzwords and Mr Wallingford undertook to arrange for the printing.

11. It was noted that the closing time of remits would be 5 p.m. on Friday 31 May.

It was agreed that the Executive would assemble in Blenheim on Saturday evening 13 July and meet on Sunday 14 July.

It was noted that provision had been made for the specialty groups to meet on the afternoon of Monday 15 July.

The Executive Secretary was requested to write to organisations that normally reported at Conference suggesting to those involved in research "that written reports be made available for members and that only a summary be provided at the time of conference".

It was agreed that the Executive would meet in the late afternoon early evening of Wednesday and Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9.45 p.m. The PLanning meeting reconvened at 8.36 a.m. on Thursday 14 March, adjourning at 11.15 a.m. when the Executive meeting was reconvened.

GENERAL:

1. During the earlier discussion on Industry Planning the meeting had recorded its appreciation to the Executive Officer for his organisation in respect of this meeting.

MARKETING:

1. The meeting supported the recommendations contained in the Marketing Subcommittee report of the 21 February 1991.

It was agreed that the President would advise Mr Wells of IHEO of the present situation with respect to the provision of information from New Zealand.

PUBLIC
RELATIONS AND
PUBLICATIONS:

1. The meeting noted the appointment of an AAO at Tauranga and it was agreed to request the Ministry to recommence Editorship of the Buzzwords under the existing contract on the understanding that the contract would be reviewed at the end of the calendar year when the matter of industry publications was to be reviewed.

2. The meeting noted that the Profile Document has been distributed to members of Parliament and the final distribution would be undertaken by the end of April.

EDUCATION:

1. There was no report in respect of the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee.

2. Mr Wallingford reported that the transfer of the Bay of Plenty Polytech certificate course to Telford had been completed.

3. The meeting noted that there was no further information in respect of the production of a video on basics.

REPORTS:

1. Pesticides

Nil report.

2. Library

Nil report.

SPECIALTY GROUPS: 1) It was reported that the Queen Breeders Improvement Group was now well under way with a full subscription list of 25 beekeepers and a waiting list.

2) It was reported that the Pollination Association had been working to ensure an auditing system.

3) It was noted that there had recently been a conference phone call of the Packers Association and a further call was planned shortly.

BRANCH MATTERS: 1. The Executive Officer and Secretary were requested to review the situation with regard to Branches in recess.

2. It was noted that a review of the branch structure be undertaken as soon as practical.

CORRESPONDENCE: The meeting noted a letter from Mr D. Haycock concerning publications and costs relative there to and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary respond.

GENERAL: 1. Mr Wallingford reported that a standard response letter was being drafted for beekeepers seeking a Hive Levy deferment.

2. The meeting expressed its concern that the N.B.A. had not been invited to the NASS Launch.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive would be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 7/8 May 1991.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 11.53 a.m., at which time the Planning meeting reconvened, concluding at 1.04 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING ON THE 12, 13 AND 14 MARCH 1991.

TRUST

APPLICATIONS:

1. The meeting agreed to support the application from DSIR for a grant to study Nosema disease in bees. Amount sought \$4000, however, it was suggested that there was a need for the Trustees to clarify the precise intention of the research and also the question of future ownership of the research.

NOT
DONE

2. MAFTechnology for Apicultural Research Programme at Ruakura. It was agreed that the Executive would support this proposal, \$25,000.

HIVE LEVY

DEFERMENTS:

1. K.A. Leadley Hastings, deferred until the 30 June, penalty to be paid.

2. S.N. & A.R. Tsukig'awa, hive levy to be deferred for one month, penalty to be paid.

3. K.A. & M.A. Thompson Gore, hive levy to be deferred for one month, penalty to be paid.

4. I. McGregor Tapanui, request for payment on a deferred regular basis. Approved.

5. The meeting noted a letter from S.S. McAuslan concerning hives owned by Armstrong Brothers. The meeting noted that as there were only 45 hives involved a levy was not due.

6. A. Arun. The meeting noted advice from Mr Murray Reid, and it was agreed that payment be collected under the normal process.

MAY 91

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc held in the Board Room, N.Z. Pork Industry Board, 11th Floor, Dalmuir House, 114 The Terrace, Wellington on Tuesday and Wednesday 7/8 May 1991 commencing at 10.17 a.m. on Tuesday 7 May 1991.

- PRESENT: Mr D. Ward (President in the Chair)
Miss F. Trewby, Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, N. Wallingford and A. McCaw.
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman Executive Secretary, Mr E. Roberts, Executive Officer.
Mr G.M. Reid National Manager
Apicultural NABU MAF.
- APOLOGIES: An apology for lateness was received from Miss F. Trewby and Mr K. Herron.
- MINUTES: 1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 12/13 March 1991 having been circulated were taken as read and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following correction:
- Page 5, item 4 Oxetechlacylene should be spelt Oxytetracycline.
- MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: 1. Mr Martin on behalf of Mr Russell Berry indicated the latter's concern that there were no minutes produced at the Planning Meeting. The meeting confirmed its opinion that the outcome of the Planning Meeting i.e. the 1991/92 Plan was the objective of the exercise.
- The Executive Secretary was requested to ascertain from Mr Berry his concerns in this matter.
- Mr Martin enquired as to the Executive's stance with regard to the Exporters Association. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Executive indicate to the Packers Association that in the event of the establishment of an Exporters Association the NBA would request representation on the group.
- MINUTES: The In Committee minutes of the meeting held on the 12/14 March 1991 having been circulated were taken as read and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

INDUSTRY
TRUSTS:

1. Mr McCaw reported that ARAC was continuing to work with the Industry Plan goal G, objective 2 "Increase the number and variety of applications" initial response to which was contained in the ARAC letter to the NBA of the 30 April 1991.

2. The Executive Secretary reported that follow up letters had been sent to the Trust with respect to:

a) Applications for Funds -
Communications

b) Briefing paper for Trust
Applications

c) Guidelines for Applications

However, it was noted that the Trustees had not met since the last Executive meeting.

It was noted that as the Trustees had not yet met, decisions in respect of the February 1991 applications had not been made.

3. It was noted that the Trustees had made a grant of \$5750 to the NBA to assist in funding the costs of the presentation to the Associate Minister with regard to the National Endemic Bee Disease Control Programme.

It was agreed that copies of the submission be sent to the Trustees.

4. Mr Wallingford indicated to the meeting that the Bay of Plenty Branch would be submitting remits to Industry Conference with respect to the appointment of Trustees.

ADVISORY AND
RESEARCH:

1. The meeting noted the report from Mr G.M. Reid, National Manager Apiculture for this meeting which referred to:

a) AAO position Tauranga

b) Australian import protocols for
N.Z. Honey

c) Antibiotics for Disease Control in Australia

It was agreed that the matter of the continuation of Mr Andrew Matheson's honorary membership be considered at the December meeting when all honorary membership was reviewed.

2. General discussion took place with regard to the strategy to be adopted at the meeting with the Associate Minister with regard to the continual funding of the National Endemic Bee Disease Control programme. Matters to be stressed:

- cost of collection
- beekeeper contribution
- no compensation for hives destroyed

The meeting continued to discuss the strategies to be adopted over a working lunch.

It was agreed that matters with respect to the application under the Commodities Levy Act be deferred until later in the meeting.

3. The Executive Officer reported With respect to pending legislation:

a) that it was possible that the Biosecurity Bill will be introduced later this year although it was unlikely to be passed in 1991. If the Association wished to push "the matter" then this would be better handled through Federated Farmers.

b) it was anticipated that the Resource Management Bill would be passed this year.

c) with regard to the Food Hygiene Regulations an undertaking had been given by the Health Department to submit any proposals to the Association.

d) The Primary Products Bill, and the Agricultural Compounds Bill were not likely to be introduced to the house in 1991.

e) it was agreed that the Executive Officer prepare a brief comment for inclusion in the next issue of Buzzwords, with regard to the Employment Contracts Act,

4. The meeting noted the Executive Officer's submissions in respect of the Biological control of heather.

5. Mr Wallingford reported that the Ruakura Apicultural Research Unit had met on the 23 March, this being their interim meeting at which the work being undertaken by Dr Mark Goodwin and Dr Louise Malone had been referred to.

6. Mr McCaw tabled the minutes of the ARAC meeting of the 14 December 1990 and suggested that the matters raised therein be discussed the following day.

7. Mr Wallingford undertook to have included in the next issue of Buzzwords an article in respect of industry opinion on the desirability of proceeding with an industry Code of Practice.

8. It was noted that the minutes of the ARAC (14 December 1990) and their letter of the 30 April 1991 referred to the establishment of a beekeeping research fund and the opportunities of increasing external funding for any beekeeping research.

9. With regard to the industry Code of Ethics, it was agreed that this matter be combined with the industry Code of Practice on future agenda papers.

The Executive Secretary reported that a response was still awaited from Mr Gavin White.

10. The Executive Officer reported on his enquiries with regard to Government funding for wasp research and the meeting noted Mr McCaw's report on the same subject. It was agreed that if clear identification could be made in respect of Government's initial intentions on this matter that the Executive Secretary further pursue the

enquiries.

11. The Executive Secretary reported that Morrison Morpeth had still not yet been able to produce any information in respect of Christchurch District Court decision in respect of Crown vs Baguley.

12. The meeting noted the proposed Conservation Week 28 July - 4 August 1991, and it was agreed that this information be circulated to all branches - to undertake as a branch project. The Executive Secretary to ascertain from the organisers whether supplies of the pamphlet Bees and Honey would be of any use.

Mr Murray Reid reported in respect of the NASS promotion to schools and advised later in the meeting that the publication of the kits would be towards the end of June. These would be distributed to Forms 1 and 2 at all schools and the kits included seven modules. The person organising the proposal within the Ministry was Mr Robert Brewer.

INDUSTRY
CONFERENCE:

1. It was agreed that the Associate Minister Mr Denis Marshall be invited to open Conference.

2. It was noted that the Association did not have a Conference banner and that where one had been used previously it had been provided by the Branch.

3. With respect to the attendance of Dr Dennis Anderson at Conference, the Executive Secretary was requested to obtain copies of the correspondence from the Marlborough Branch and in light of the July 1989 application to the Trustees the Executive Secretary was requested to correspond with Dr Anderson.

ADVISORY AND
RESEARCH:

13. The concept of value for money from Dr Dennis Anderson's research and funding by the Trustees was raised.

14. The meeting was advised that an education programme in the Waikato area was being undertaken in respect of bacillus larvae and further that the Ministry distributed to all new registrants copies of the Aglink FPP127.

Miss Trewby undertook to provide an article for the Beekeeper on the recent Southland field day.

15. The meeting was advised of a toxic honey poisoning situation in the Eastern Bay of Plenty and Mr Reid advised that the Advisory Committee would most likely be activated in the next two months. The Executive noted that the NBA appointees to the committee were Mr Gerard Martin and Mr Tony Lorimer.

PUBLIC
RELATIONS AND
PUBLICATIONS:

1. The meeting was advised that the final distribution list of the Profile Document had still to be finalised.

2. The meeting noted Mr Cliff van Eaton was now Editor of Buzzwords.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m. to allow the President, Miss Trewby, Mr K. Herron, the Executive Secretary and the Executive Officer to meet with the Associate Minister of Agriculture to discuss the continued Government funding of the Endemic Bee Disease Control programme.

Members returned at 5.10 p.m. and following brief discussion adjourned at 5.37 p.m. reconvening at 8.40 a.m. on Wednesday 8 May.

INDUSTRY
TRUSTS:

5. The meeting considered the letter of the 30 April 1991 from the Apicultural Research Advisory Committee:

a) it was agreed to recommend to the Trustees that the closing date for Trust funded applications should be February 15 and August 15th each year.

b) It was further to be recommended to the Trustees that the advertisement in

the N.Z. Beekeeper should include details of closing dates, application form availability, dates decision expected from the Trustees and further that the advertisement for Trust Fund applications should be a standard insertion in every issue of the N.Z. Beekeeper.

c) It was agreed to submit the proposed specifications for Trust Fund applications to the Trustees as a concept, and if this received favourable consideration by the Trustees, then the Association would further develop the following specifications:

i) Reporting back procedures and requirements of successful applicants.

ii) Re application and amended grant procedures.

iii) Points of contact to be maintained: i.e. Executive or Chairman of Trustees directly.

iv) Timing of notification to applicants.

v) An outline of areas of previous funding support and examples of allocations already made.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH

16. The recommendation from the Apicultural Research and Advisory Committee with respect to the establishment of a Mary Bumby memorial fund was deferred for further consideration, but in the meantime the Executive Secretary to ascertain the background to the educational/technical fund and also the NBA bursary fund.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS:

6. The Executive adopted the recommendation of the Apicultural Advisory Committee that the Executive approach the Industry Trust Fund Trustees with a view to establishing a scholarship to be made available to universities for student research into topics related to the Beekeeping industry.

ADVISORY AND
RESEARCH:

17. The meeting noted the proposal from the Apicultural Research Advisory Committee of their intention to hold an informal symposium in conjunction with the NBA Annual Conference.

18. The meeting noted the minutes of the meeting of the Apicultural Research and Advisory Committee held on the 14 December 1990.

19. It was agreed that 1 copy of the Drug Feeding report be made available to each branch and that additional copies be made available to the library.

20. The meeting considered the draft policy statement on Possum Control and it was agreed:

a) that the Executive Secretary write to the Animal Health Board to ascertain whether the report on the trials into additives to jam paste to render it unpalatable to honey bees was yet available. Further agreed that copies of the policy statement be made available to branches and that each Executive member would accept the responsibility of making branches aware of the consequences of "poor" media coverage. Copies also to be made available to Mr J. Bell, Pest Management Services Limited, the Animal Health Board, Mark Goodwin and those Regional Councils listed on the Pest Management Services letter of the 18 March.

PUBLICATIONS AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS:

3. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to Watt Insurance Brokers Limited asking them for details of their proposed group insurance package.

4. The Executive Officer reported on his discussions with the Editor of the Beekeeper and the latter's concern at the lack of available material for the Beekeeper. Executive members undertook to encourage Branches to submit material for inclusion in the Association publications.

EDUCATION:

1. Mr McCaw reported that the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee had not met since the last Executive meeting. He understood that Telford Rural Polytechnic had received a visit from representatives of NEQA who will require an industry reference committee similar to that set up with the Bay of Plenty Polytech for the certificate course committee.
2. The meeting noted a letter from the Telford Rural Polytechnic indicating an approximate cost of \$15,000 to produce a video on Basics. It was agreed that this matter be referred back to the Canterbury branch being the sponsors of the remit to the 1990 Conference.

MARKETING:

1. Mr Herron reported that the Exporters Association had been discussed during a recent Packers Conference call and was down for discussion at the Packers Annual General Meeting in July.
2. It was agreed that the Association should continue to supply information to IHEO.
3. The meeting noted no further developments with respect to the honey cartel proposal from Dan Hall.
4. It was agreed that the Association ask Mr Peter Bray to represent the NBA at the Apimondia Conference in September/October and that the Association meet any registration fee/costs involved. It was further agreed later in the meeting that Mr Bray be asked to represent the Association at any meeting of IHEO.
5. The meeting noted that the Trustees had again declined to assist with any funding for market research. The President indicated that he had had discussion with Mr Russell Berry and that Mr Herron had talked to Mr Ivan Dickinson. It was agreed that, if practical, either the Executive or the Marketing Committee meet with the two Beekeeper members of the Trust at Industry Conference.

6. Mr Reid indicated that the review in respect of "organic honey" should be available for the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1.09 p.m.

MARKETING: 7. Mr McCaw undertook to remind Mr Peter Bray of his offer to provide documentation on specific types of honey to enable a request to be prepared for the Agricultural Market Research and Development Trust.

8. The meeting noted the export statistics from Customs Department for the period to March 1991.

9. It was agreed that if the meeting reference to honey cartel was to be held at the time of the Apimondia Conference, Mr Peter Bray be asked to represent New Zealand, but noting that it would be essential that he be fully briefed before this meeting.

10. The meeting noted the proposal from the Southern North Island branch concerning the pamphlets and comic books centred around Maiji Bee and this was referred to the Marketing Committee for further investigation. The President undertook to obtain further information from Finland.

11. It was agreed to recommend to the Marketing Committee that they give further consideration to the industrial uses of honey with the intention of writing a brief for further research within the New Zealand industrial scene.

It was further agreed that, in an endeavour to make progress with respect to the development of a marketing strategy, the committee should give consideration to setting some goals and objectives.

FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION:

1. The committee reviewed the list of unpaid hive levies for the 1991 year.

2. Mr Wallingford reported on his recent visit to the Poverty Bay Branch.

With regard to requests for Presidential visits to branches, it was noted that, where practical, the President would refer these requests to the nearest Executive member.

3. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's financial report being a cash statement for the four months ended 30 April 1991.

4. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for March and April 1991 being cheque numbers 271743 to 271780 and 196501 to 196516 and totalling \$161,920.91.

5. Miss Trewby reported that she still had to have further discussions with D. Hurst (Tahuna) and would report to a subsequent meeting of the Executive.

6. The meeting considered in committee requests for deferment of Hive Levy.

The meeting agreed that the February issue of the Buzzwords should draw to the attention of members that extension of time for payment of levy is only possible if the application is made prior to the 31st day of March. In addition, a reference be made in the next issue of Buzzwords, that the Executive could no longer grant extension of payment for levy because of the requirements of section 5 of the Hive Levy Act.

7. The meeting considered a letter from the Hawkes Bay Branch concerning any relativity between the membership subscription and the branch capitation. The Executive Secretary was requested to advise the Branch that there is no relativity, but the Executive further requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report for the July meeting of the Executive to review the current situation.

8. The President referred to an enquiry from the Hawkes Bay Branch

concerning an application to the Todd Trust for financial assistance and it was noted that this was a matter currently under review by the Apicultural Research Advisory Committee.

REPORTS:

1) Pesticides Board

The meeting noted the following comments from Mr Ian Berry:

a) That the Pesticides Board seems likely to remain in business for a while yet.

b) The question was brought up of whether the "Toxic for Bees" warning should be highlighted more on the labels. This was supported by several other speakers but it was decided inappropriate to do this where there are human health warnings as well. The Industry is fortunate that some labels do in fact highlight "toxic to bee" warnings already.

2) Federated Farmers

a) Mr Martin gave a review of recent material received from Federated Farmers.

b) The Executive Secretary reported on a response from Federated Farmers with regard to reporting to Federated Farmers Council.

c) The meeting noted a letter to the President concerning the Combined Land User grouping and it was the opinion of the Executive that the option most favoured by the NBA was "affiliates and other organisations retain their autonomy but contribute financially to Federated Farmers to fund issues of common interest"

3. Library Committee

Mr Herron reported that there was no report from the Library Committee.

4. Apiary Advisory Committee

Nil report.

5. Queen Breeders Association

Nil report.

6. Pollination Association

It was noted that advertisements on quality standards, were to be placed in the Kiwifruit Authority magazine

7. Packers Association

Indication from recent conference call was a below average crop (average 24kg per hive).

8. Exporters Association

Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

BRANCH MATTERS:

1. A letter from the President of the Waikato Branch. It was agreed that the suggestion to include a list of technical and legal publications in Buzzwords was referred to the Editor of that publication for further clarification.

INDUSTRY
CONFERENCE:

The Executive Secretary was requested to liaise with the Marlborough Branch as to the advising of specialty groups times for conference.

COMMODITY LEVIES
ACT:

1. It was agreed that the Association proceed with a ballot which will provide for an indication of beekeeper numbers and apiary numbers, the ballot to take place so that results are available for conference.

2. That the NBA proceed to make an application for a Commodity Levy regardless of the results of the ballot. Mr Martin requested his vote against this proposal to be recorded.

The following time schedule was approved:

Labels to be obtained by the 30 May

Ballot papers to be prepared by the 30 May

- 14 -

Ballot papers to be distributed by the 7 June

Closing date for ballot 1 July

Assessment of ballot 1 July Ballot to be provided to the Minister by the 7 July
Details to be made available for the Conference 16 July.

c) It was further agreed that those who had attended on the Associate Minister of Agriculture, requesting the continued Government Funding of the Endemic Bee Disease control programme, also represent the Association at the presentation to the Caucus Committee.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.29 p.m, due to lack of a quorum.

DATE OF NEXT
MEETING:

Sunday 14 July commencing at 8.30 a.m.
in the Executive Suite, Blenheim Country Lodge.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING ON THE 7 & 8 MAY 1991.

HIVE LEVIES:

1. The meeting noted that in terms of Sections 5 and 6 of the Hive Levy Act, it did not have the authority to grant deferment of Hive Levy to Maniatoto Honey Processors Limited, but agreed to the payment terms proposed i.e. 10% per month. It was further agreed that no penalty should be imposed but the member be advised that they were not entitled to exercise any votes until receipt of the final payment.

2. Request from Lee Apiaries was declined on the basis that the Executive has no authority to grant a deferment because of non compliance with sections 5 and 6.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc held in the Chart Room, Blenheim Country Lodge Hotel, Alfred Street, Blenheim commencing at 8.40 a.m. on Sunday 14 July 1991 and continuing through Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 15/18 July 1991.

EXCC JULY 91

- PRESENT: Mr D. Ward (President in the Chair)
Miss F. Trewby, Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, N. Wallingford and A. McCaw.
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman Executive Secretary, Mr E. Roberts, Executive Officer, and from Monday 15 July Mr G.M. Reid National Manager Apicultural NABU MAF.
- APOLOGIES: An apology for lateness was received from Mr E. Roberts the Executive Officer.
- MINUTES: 1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 May 1991 having been circulated were taken as read and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following correction:
- Page 6, second paragraph under item 14 should read "Miss Trewby undertook to provide an article for the Beekeeper on the recent Otago Field Day".
2. The In Committee minutes of the meeting held on the 12/13 May 1991 having been circulated were taken as read and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: 1. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to Mr Russell Berry concerning the minutes of the 1991/92 Planning Meeting.
2. The Executive Secretary reported on the revised agenda format intended to highlight the concept of the Industry Plan.
- INDUSTRY CONFERENCE: 1. The Executive considered a recommendation from the Northland Branch for the granting of life membership to Mr Terry Gavin. It was agreed to recommend this to the Annual General

Meeting.

2. The meeting undertook a review of the remits at which stage the Executive Secretary reported on the current situation in respect of the proposal placed before the Agriculture, Land, Forestry and Fishing Caucus Committee. However, no indication had been received from the Committee as to the Government's stance in respect of the request for funding.

Remit 1. It was agreed that the President would give an update on the situation in respect of the current situation and Mr McCaw would outline the four options referred to in the remit.

While debating this topic, the Executive noted that the ballot, proposed at the last meeting, and the application for a Commodity Levy had not been proceeded with. Deferral had been decided upon pending the result of the request to the Agricultural Caucus Committee.

Remits 2,3 and 4, the Executive Secretary reported on correspondence to and from the Animal Health Board, concerning Mr Jim Bell's field trials. It was agreed that a fax be sent to Mr Isbister to ascertain the current situation with regard to the availability of a copy of the report.

Remit 5. It was noted that this matter was currently under review by the Executive. It was agreed that arrangements be made to invite officials from the Health Department to lunch with the Executive at the September meeting.

Remit 6. Agreed to suggest to conference that this remit be deferred until later in the meeting following the presentation by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Remit 7. It was noted that the Canterbury Branch would be further amplifying to conference the proposal contained in this remit. It was agreed that, if adopted by the Conference, the proposal be referred back to Canterbury

for further development.

Remit 8. Noted.

Remit 9. Noted

Remit 6. This remit was further debated by the Executive now that the Executive Officer was present.

The Executive Officer indicated that the Ministry had no choice in respect of the proposals as these were generated by the importing country.

Remit 10. Noted

Remit 11 Noted

Remit 12 Noted

Remit 13. It was noted that this would be more preferably discussed immediately following Remit 1.

General discussion took place with respect to the appointment of the additional South Island delegate and prospective nominees.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.00 p.m. and reconvened at 1.50.

INDUSTRY
CONFERENCE:

It was agreed that the Association would meet the costs of Conference Registration for Executive members.

MARKETING:

1. The meeting noted the Airborne Honey circular 19 July 1991.

2. The meeting noted the report from MAF Quality Management, being a Comparison of Standards for New Zealand Organic Honey. It was agreed that this be further discussed at the September Executive meeting, but, in the meantime copies of the report be made available to the Industry at \$5 GST inclusive.

3. The Executive Officer reported on his discussions with Mr Rod Watt concerning his company's proposed group insurance scheme. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Watt be

invited to attend the next meeting of the Executive to further amplify the proposal.

4. General discussion took place with regard to the market scene throughout the country and also the desirability of the Marketing Committee meeting during Conference.

The Executive Secretary reiterated earlier comments that it was essential for any marketing activity to be "industry driven". The meeting agreed that it would be desirable for the Marketing Committee to meet during the Conference period.

5. The meeting noted the letter from the South Canterbury branch expressing their concern at the continuing effect of depressed honey prices worldwide, as a result of the American subsidies to their honey producers.

6. The meeting noted the most recent of the IHEO reports together with the New Zealand Customs export statistics and the USDA National Honey Marketing News.

7. The President reported that he had written to Finland concerning the availability of an English version of the Mijiab comic books.

8. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to Mr Peter Bray of Airborne Honey Limited concerning the Apimondia Conference, the IHEO Conference and the possible meeting arranged by Mr Dan Hall concerning "the Cartel".

9. General discussion took place with regard to the industrial uses of honey.

10. It was noted that the matter of an Exporters Association would be discussed at the forthcoming Packers Association general meeting.

EDUCATION:

1. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to Canterbury branch concerning the development of a video on

Basic Beekeeping.

2. The Executive Secretary reported that no clarification had been received in respect of the National Beekeepers Association Bursary Fund currently invested with Morrison Morpeth. It was agreed that this be withdrawn and combined with the current NBA Educational and Technical Fund.

3. Mr McCaw reported that the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee had met on the 24 June and reviewed for the Executive the considerations of that meeting.

With regard to the National Advisory Committee, it was agreed that the three NBA representatives be Miss F. Trewby, Mr Allen McCaw and Mr Ivan Dickinson (subject to his acceptance).

The Executive agreed that it would support the concept of free membership of the Association for one year for Telford students, resident in New Zealand, following their qualification.

Miss Trewby undertook to provide a two or three paragraph article for inclusion in Buzzwords to support the concept of Telford qualified/trained staff when advertising for employees.

4. Mr Herron reported on the availability of the Librarian's report for conference.

It was agreed that the NBA Executive appointees on the Library Committee be Mr K. Herron and Miss F. Trewby and further agreed that Mr A. McCaw remain a signing authority on the library bank account.

5. The Executive Secretary reported that he had referred to the Buzzwords Editor the information received from the Children's Permaculture Foundation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

1. It was noted that in respect of the review of the Industry's publications

and editorship arrangements, the following action plan be adopted:

i. Preparation of Guidelines for Buzzwords and the New Zealand Beekeeper to be prepared by Messrs Wallingford and Roberts and Miss F. Trewby by the 30 August.

ii. Circulate prescriptions to Executive members by the 3 September.

iii. Discuss the prescriptions and finalise details at the September Executive meeting.

iv. Write further action plans as required.

2. It was agreed in view of the small volume remaining of 1991 Profile Documents, that no further action be taken in respect of additional distribution.

3. The Executive Secretary reported that he had referred to the Editor of Buzzwords the proposal from the Waikato Branch concerning the list of technical and legal publications.

4. It was noted that the Bay of Plenty Branch had made arrangements for the presentation at Conference of the proposed Beekeeper of the Year award.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5.28 p.m. and reconvened at 8.10 a.m. on Monday 15 July.

RESEARCH:

1. Mr McCaw reported that the subject of the establishment of a Research and Education Fund would again be discussed by ARAC at its meeting the following day.

The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's report of the 14 May in regard to the Education and Technical Fund.

2. The meeting noted the reply from the Minister of Conservation with regard to the allocation of Department of Conservation funding for pest control,

and, in particular, wasp control in each conservancy.

3. The meeting noted the response of the Honey Industry Trustees to the proposal for the establishment of University Scholarships. Mr McCaw reported that this matter was to be further discussed at the ARAC meeting the following day.

4. It was agreed that Mr McCaw should continue as an NBA representative on the Apiculture Advisory Committee noting that any travel costs in respect of his attendance at meetings outside of Conference would be an NBA responsibility.

5. Mr Wallingford reported that the Ruakura Apiculture Research Unit had met last week, at Tauranga. Drs Malone and Goodwin had reviewed research undertaken and reported on research planned.

Mr Wallingford commented on the report prepared by Dr Mark Goodwin which would be the subject of comment at this year's conference.

With regard to Disease Research, it was agreed that this matter be discussed with Mr Reid at an appropriate time during the forthcoming days.

6. Miss Trewby reported on the media article indicating that Mr Keith Widdup of Gore, Agricultural Scientist, had recently been one of the recipients of a Trimbull Fellowship, and it was agreed that a suitable letter of congratulations be sent to Mr Widdup on his award.

7. It was agreed that the letter from the Institute of Honey Science, Tamagawa University concerning the establishment of an Asian Apiculture Association be referred to ARAC before comment.

ADVISORY:

1. The Executive Officer reported in respect of pending legislation:

a) The Resource Management Act had now been passed and, depending on costs,

copies of the act would be made available to members of the Executive as soon as printed.

b) It was hoped that the Biosecurity Bill will be introduced this calendar year and would be referred to a Select Committee.

c) Primary Products Bill and the Agricultural Compounds Bill. At this stage the Ministry had not been instructed on either of these pieces of legislation, although the delay had been occasioned by the delays in the Resource Management Bill.

d) The Executive Officer reported that he had been unable to obtain any response from the Health Department in respect of their Food Hygiene Regulations.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9.18 a.m. and reconvened at 8.10^a a.m. on Tuesday 16 July.

PRESENT: Mr M.R. Reid, National Manager NABU

ADVISORY: 2. The meeting again reviewed the Endemic Disease Control Programme together with the funding of same noting Mr Reid's comment that they had zero funding from the 1 July 1991 for Endemic Bee Disease Control.

The meeting also further considered possible further developments in respect of the Commodities Levy Act application.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9.00 a.m. and reconvened at 11.00 a.m.

ADVISORY: 2. (contd).

Further discussion took place with respect to the Endemic Disease Control, following which it was noted that it was impractical to make further preparations until the result of the request to the Agriculture Caucus Committee had been established.

3. With regard to the NBA-MAF consultation meeting concerning Exotic Bee Disease and Pest Response, it was

noted that this was an Association meeting being facilitated by the Ministry.

4. The Executive Secretary reported that two responses had been received in respect of the Buzzword articles on an Industry Code of Practice.

5. The meeting considered the Beekeepers Code of Ethics (1991) provided by Mr Gavin White. It was agreed that this be published in the next issue of the Beekeeper with a request for comment to go to the Executive.

6. With regard to the case MAF vs R.A. Baguley, the meeting noted the letter from the District Court advising that the matter had been dealt with in a List Court and no formal record of judgement had been recorded for typing back and delivery.

7. With regard to the Possum Control Programme, the Executive Secretary indicated that a fax had been sent to the Animal Health Board concerning the report of the most recent field trials. It was agreed that irrespective of the outcome of the response from the Animal Health Board, the matter be pursued with the Minister. The Executive to further consider the basis of this follow up later in the current meeting.

8. The meeting noted that the MAF Centenary was to be celebrated in 1992.

The meeting considered the letter from the Waikato Branch suggesting that it was time to remind New Zealand Beekeepers of the dangers of toxic Tutu honey. It was agreed that members of the Executive would list items of concern in respect of this problem so that a letter can be sent to the Ministry detailing items for an agenda for a meeting of the Apiary Advisory Committee.

9. The President referred to a fax message received from Mr Rawnsley concerning importations of royal jelly.

It was the opinion of the Executive that as there were no irregularities in respect of this situation, there was nothing that could be done by the Executive.

10. The meeting noted the report from Mr G.M. Reid, National Manager Apiculture for this meeting, which referred to:

- a) Exports of Honey and Honey products to Australia and PNG.
- b) Organic honey standards.
- c) Oxytecracylene in New Zealand Honey.

With regard to the Organic Honey standards, the meeting acknowledged that this presented to the industry a marketing opportunity. As decided earlier in the meeting copies to be made available through reference in the next issue of Buzzwords. It also should be made available to the Packers Association and the Comb Honey Association. Comments to be sought from members to be received by the Executive Secretary by the 31 October. After which the Association to give consideration to the establishment of a set of organic honey standards for honey and pollen to enable the preparation of a model manual and also auditing procedures to be established.

With regard to the matter of residues in honey, particularly imported honey, the Executive Officer was requested to further explore the situation.

11. With regard to the matter of ownership of pollen, it was agreed that the letter from the Commercial Pollination Association be received. The Executive noted that the matter had also been discussed at the Pollination Association meeting the previous day.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1.05 p.m. and reconvened at 5.28 p.m.

MARKETING:

The meeting was addressed by Mr Ross Blackman, retired Insurance Broker, who indicated, that in his opinion, the proposal from Watt Insurance Brokers offered nothing new to the industry. He indicated that if the industry had some concerns then it was more practical to discuss this with the Association's existing insurers Farmers Mutual Group. It was agreed that the Executive rescind its decision taken the previous day. (Minutes page 4).

ADVISORY:

12. It was noted that the matter of a meeting of the Apiary Advisory Committee had been discussed earlier in the day.

13. It was noted that a Pesticide Board report would be presented to Conference.

The meeting was advised that the Queen Breeders Association would again meet later in the day to consider the exports certificate schedule.

14. With regard to the Bee Genetic Improvement Company, Mr McCaw reported this was progressing satisfactorily, although some technical problems had still to be resolved. However the group was enthusiastic and financial support etc would be continuing throughout the year.

15. With regard to the Possum Control Programme, and following receipt of a fax from the General Manager of the Animal Health Board, it was agreed that an update of the situation be sent to the Chairman and members of the Board and that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries also be made aware of the situation.

ADMINISTRATION
INCLUDING FINANCE
AND TRUSTS:

1. Miss Trewby reported that she had spoken to Mr Gruber concerning Mr D. Hurst of Tahuna and Mr Gruber had undertaken to follow the matter up.

2. The meeting noted that the response of the Trustees that they viewed favourably the establishment of appropriate scholarships, but would

require a more specific proposal and would suggest an annual expenditure of \$8-10,000.

3. It was noted that the Trustees had approved the change of date for submissions, it was agreed that the advertisements in the Beekeeper and Buzzwords be suitably updated.

4. The meeting was advised that Mr Peter Bray would not now be attending the Apimondia meeting scheduled to be held in Split, Yugoslavia because of the current uncertainties in that country.

5. It was noted that other matters - Guidelines for Applicants - Briefing paper for Trust Applications - Confirmation of Trust Admin procedures would all be considered by ARAC at its forthcoming meeting.

6. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's report of the 10 May concerning Branch capitation. In view of the comments from the Executive, it was agreed that the report lie upon the table until the September meeting, when it could be again considered in the light of the 1992 budget.

7. The Executive Secretary reported that there had been no improvement in respect of the 1990 outstanding Hive Levies, currently in the hands of the Solicitors for collection.

8. The meeting considered the schedule of unpaid Hive Levies for 1991. The Executive was concerned at the cost in sending registered letters seeking payment. It was agreed that the sending of registered letters be deferred until the 1st week of August enabling Executive members to contact defaulting hive levy payers, and so hopefully reduce the number of letters to be sent.

9. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's financial report, being a cash statement for the 6 months ended the 30 June 1991.

10. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for May and June 1991 being cheque numbers 196517 to 196568 and totalling \$40,144.70.

FEDERATED
FARMERS:

The meeting noted the proposal from Federated Farmers to meet on a monthly basis, as the Land User Group. It was agreed that Mr Gerard Martin would represent the Association at the proposed regular monthly meetings a) as and when it was possible and b) in the light of the agenda paper and topics to be discussed.

However, in the meantime the Executive Secretary to indicate that the Association, even if not represented, would appreciate being kept advised of developments.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER:

Further general discussion took place on the appointment of an additional South Island member.

DATE OF NEXT
MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be Tuesday and Wednesday 10/11 September 1991.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.49 p.m. and reconvened at 5.16 p.m. on Wednesday 17 July 1991.

INDUSTRY
CONFERENCE:

The meeting considered the action taken to date by Conference in respect of remits.

Remit 1 withdrawn

Remit 13 carried. It was the opinion of the Executive that no further action could be taken in respect of this remit until the decision of the Ag Caucus Committee/Government was received.

Remits 2,3 and 4. It was agreed that no further action be taken pending response to the letter to the Chairman of the Animal Health Board. The meeting noted the media article which was likely to appear following the discussion at Conference and comments made by Mr Doug

Kidd.

Remit 4. In respect to this particular remit, it was agreed that the Executive Officer examine the present legislative position on this topic.

Remit 5. It was agreed that information be obtained in respect of the labelling of packs, and the matter further reviewed at the September meeting.

Remit 6. It was noted that this had been held over.

Remit 7. Agreed that the Canterbury branch be asked to further develop this proposal.

Remit 11. It was noted that this was in accordance with Executive existing policy

With regard to late remits, remit 14, agreed to await discussion at Conference.

Remit 15, agreed to await discussion at Conference, although it was anticipated that this was unlikely to be accepted.

Remit 16, Mr Wallingford indicated that this was a forewarning to the Industry of a possible rule change.

Remit 17. Agreed to await Conference reaction.

Remit 18. It was agreed that this be in the name of the Executive.

EXECUTIVE:

It was agreed that an invitation be extended to Michael Wraight of Nelson to fill the vacant South Island position on the Executive.

INDUSTRY
CONFERENCE:

With regard to the address by Mr Kidd to conference it was agreed:

a) that with regard to 1080 possum control programme, his offer of assistance be deferred pending the response from the Animal Health Board.

b) with regard to Mr Kidd's request for information on overseas subsidies available, it was agreed that Miss Trewby and Mr Herron summarise the information on Canadian subsidies and forward to Mr Kidd.

GENERAL:

1. It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mr Dion Warr on the death of his father.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.25 p.m. and reconvened at 5.10 p.m. on Thursday 18 July.

PRESENT:

Mr M. Wraight

WELCOME:

The President extended a warm welcome to Michael Wraight, attending his first meeting of the Executive.

Mr Allen McCaw expressed his appreciation to Executive for the help and co-operation over his term as President and also as a member of the Executive. He wished the new Executive well for the future.

INDUSTRY
CONFERENCE:

Remit 6. It was agreed that further consultation be undertaken when documentation was available from the Ministry.

Remit 14. It was agreed that this be referred to the Marketing Committee.

Remit 18. The Executive was advised of the meeting with Mr Bill Floyd the previous day and the Executive expressed its appreciation to Mr Steve Olds of Techpac Industries for his financial assistance.

Mr Herron reported on receipt of two contributions towards the marketing programme.

It was agreed that this remit be referred to the Marketing Committee.

Remit 12. Was lost.

Remit 16 was not accepted by the Conference.

Remit 15. It was noted that this referred to the 1990 Conference venue. It was the opinion of the Executive that the venue for the 1993 Conference was a matter to be pursued by South Island members.

Remit 17 not accepted by Conference.

Remit 18 not accepted by Conference.

GENERAL:

2. General discussion took place with respect to Industry publications, noting the earlier decision to await a report from the Executive Officer.

3. It was noted that Hawkes Bay were contemplating the theme of "Communications" for the 1992 conference. With particular reference to the transfer of technology through the Apiculture Research Advisory Committee.

4. General discussion took place with regard to the Endemic Disease and Pest Response meeting the following day. The meeting agreed that non Executive members would be asked to contribute towards the cost of the lunch as this had been included in their reimbursement.

5. General discussion took place concerning the costings for the submission to the Agriculture Caucus committee and it was agreed that this be again discussed at the September meeting.

6. The meeting noted the circular sent to Branches by the Northland Branch.

CLOSURE:

The President expressed his appreciation to the Executive for the support given to him during Conference. The meeting concluded at 6.17 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. (INC)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' OF N.Z. (INC) HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM N.Z. PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, 11TH FLOOR DALMUIR HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 10th & 11th SEPTEMBER 1991 COMMENCING AT 10.05am on TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward President in Chair,
Miss F Trewby, Messrs K Herron, G Martin,
N Wallingford and M Wraight.
In attendance: Mr S C Goodman,
Executive Secretary,
Mr E Roberts,
Executive Officer.

APOLOGIES: An apology for lateness was received from Miss F Trewby.

WELCOME: The President extended a welcome to all members of the Executive and especially to Mr Michael Wraight attending his first full Executive meeting since his appointment.

GENERAL: Meeting briefly considered matters to be discussed with Mr Derek Buckland, Health Protection Officer of the Public Health Service who would be joining the Executive for lunch later in the day, and these included -

Honey House Regulations
Imported Honey
Food Hygiene Regulations

MINUTES: a) Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th & 15th/18th July 1991 having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendments:

- i) Page 8 - reference to Mr M R Reid as being present should read as Mr G M Reid.
- ii) The reference on Page 10, Item 10(c) 2 should read oxytetracycline in NZ honey
- iii) The reference in Remit 15 to 1990 Conference venue should read 1994 Conference venue.

- b) The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Conference of branch delegates having been circulated were taken as read and the President was authorised to initial them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendments:

- i) Page 3, final paragraph the word "finding" should read "funding".

MATTERS

ARISING:

- a) Executive
 - 1. With regard to the National Advisory Committee-Telford Polytechnic the Executive Secretary was requested to write to Mr Gavin McKenzie, detailing the Committee appointees
 - 2. Miss Trewby reported on discussions with Mr Heineman the Honorary Librarian with regard to the composition of the Library Committee and noting an earlier Executive decision of 1963 when it was agreed that the Committee should consist of Miss Trewby together with a representative to be nominated by the Otago branch.
 - 3. With regard to the proof of postage costs in respect of outstanding hive levies Mr Roberts made available information which indicated possible lower postage costs.
 - 4. The Executive Officer on behalf of Mr Reid enquired as to the level of consultation that might be undertaken in respect of Remit 6. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Martin represent the Industry in respect of consultations and noting that he would consult with other appropriate industry representatives if he thought this necessary.

- MARKETING:
1. The meeting noted that the N.Z. Honey Packers' Association had sent out a circular concerning membership of the Export sector.
 2. With regard to the MAF quality management paper "A Comparison of Standards for New Zealand Organic Honey," it was agreed that a further reference be contained in the next issue of Buzzwords seeking comment from industry members. The matter to be further reviewed by the Executive at its December meeting.
 3. With regard to the application for funding assistance from the Agricultural Market Research and Development Trust the Executive Secretary was requested to pursue this matter further with Mr Peter Bray.
 4. The President reported that he had been unable to obtain any further information or guidance in respect of the Maiji pamphlets and comic books.
 5. The matter of marketing strategy, the development of goals and objectives, was deferred until consideration of the Marketing Committee report following the meeting with Mr Bill Floyd.
 6. With regard to the consideration of Remit 5 - imported honey controls, it was agreed that this matter be discussed with Mr Buckland at lunch time.
 7. The Executive Secretary was requested to pursue with the Canterbury branch progress in respect of their Remit No.7 to Conference - Gathering of Honey Samples.
 8. It was noted that Remit 14 from Canterbury - Honey is only Sugar was a matter currently being considered by the Honey Marketing Task Force.

9. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's summary of the meeting of the Marketing Committee together with Mr Bill Floyd, and Mr Bill Floyd's briefing paper of August 1991.

Meeting noted that the Honey Marketing Task Force had already commenced work.

10. General discussion took place in respect of Honey House Regulations and the variation of interpretation; the establishment of an industry Code of Practice; the requirements for conformity certification; following which it was agreed that this matter be discussed with Mr Buckland at lunch time.
11. With regard to the IHEO reports, Executive Secretary reported on lack of response from N.Z. members and it was agreed that the provision of information should be continued, and that in future Mr Herron would communicate with the other participants to ensure the availability of information for IHEO.
12. Export statistics for the period July 1991 were noted.
13. Mr Herron reported that the Packers' Association had not undertaken any conference-calls since the last meeting of the Executive.
14. The meeting noted the USDA National Honey Market News statistics for August 1991.
15. It was agreed that it was inappropriate at this stage to make a copy of the comparison of standards for N.Z. Organic Honey available to the IBRA.
16. With regard to a letter from the South Canterbury branch concerning the American subsidy scheme it was agreed that the Executive Secretary ascertain from Mr Percy Berry as to whether there was any further information on this problem.

17. Mr Ward reported on information available from the Trade Development Board indicating a Canadian requirement for honey of New Zealand select sources.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12.36pm for lunch, reconvening at 1.15pm to meet with Mr Derek Buckland, Health Protection Officer, Public Health Services and resumed in open meeting at 2.35pm.

Mr Buckland stressed that the new impetus for replacing the Food Hygiene Regulations would be "Safe Food". Currently a working party was reviewing the food hygiene regulations and it was hoped that the final draft would be available for consideration before the end of the year. He indicated that with regard to importations, certification would be required from the country of origin that the product met the same standards as New Zealand. The only qualification to this may well be in respect of CER.

ADVISORY: 1. With regard to the Endemic Disease Control system, the President and various members of the Executive reported on comments received from branches and individual beekeepers. During lengthy debate on this topic the Executive agreed by 3 votes to 2 that they would record the votes of Executive members in respect of the proposals as discussed.

RESEARCH: During the debate on the Endemic Disease Control System the meeting adjourned to consider the DSIR paper on Directions for N.Z. Research and Miss Trewby undertook to prepare a paper for consideration by the Executive the following day.

ADVISORY: 2. Following discussions with Mr Reid, the Executive Officer reported:

- a) That it would not be practical to apply M.A.F. Option B in the current year.
- b) That Option C could be delivered this year, although Messrs Sole and Grueber would not be available.

- c) The one year gap for implementing Option B would not inflict permanent damage on the Ministry's ability to provide Option B at a later date, but noting that it is unlikely that there would be any replacement for loss of staff.
- d) That with regard to the Ministry's 1992/93 Financial Year budget planning commenced in January 1992 and concluded in March.
- e) Export Certification costs this year would be \$30 per health certificate together with a fee imposed upon those beekeepers that had not returned their hive inspection form plus an administration fee.

In the light of the comments from Mr Reid the Executive gave consideration to the funding of the Endemic Disease Control System, but deferred final consideration of a possible Motion until the following morning.

The meeting adjourned at 5.33pm and re-convened at 8.20am on Wednesday 11th September.

LAND USER
GROUP:

Mr David Dobson, General Manager of the Pork Industry Board addressed the meeting on the Land User Group meeting the previous day, noting that the main focus at that meeting had been in respect of the Commodity Levies Act 1990 and the possible modification by the Minister of the guidelines for measuring support for a levy from a 75% response to the ballot to 60%.

In the event of the response level not being obtained, the Minister was considering the acceptance of a survey of non-respondents which in the case of the Vegetable Federation had been costed at an estimate of \$16,000.

Mr Dobson undertook to make available to the Association a copy of the Federated Farmers proposal in respect of this matter.

ADVISORY: 3.

President referred to several expressions of concern that the industry should retain the status quo in regard to the Endemic Disease Control system.

Following further debate on the subject it was agreed that the Association would make available up to \$500 per branch to assist in an Endemic Disease Control programme, the money to be available on application and with a closing date of 1st December 1991. The Executive further agreed that the sum of \$14,500 be made available to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on a contract basis to further supply a control system in respect of "hot spots".

Messrs Wallingford, Wraight, Herron and Martin voted in favour of these proposals and Miss Trewby against.

It was further agreed that the Association apply to the Trustees for bridging finance for the sum of \$22,000. Such fund to be by way of Grant if the Minister declined the request for an increase in the Hive Levy. Miss Trewby, Messrs Wallingford, Wraight, Martin & Herron voted for the proposal.

The meeting then agreed that notwithstanding any additional administration funding required the Executive agreed that the Minister be asked to approve a 9¢ levy increase for 1992 to fund, in part, an Endemic Disease Control System. Miss Trewby, Messrs Wallingford, Wraight, Martin and Herron voted in favour of the proposal.

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The meeting then agreed that the Minister be asked to agree to a further Hive Levy increase of 41¢ for the 1993 year. The decision to be given in 1991 to allow the NABU (MAF) to include such revenue in its 1992/93 budget, (the planning for which commences in January 1992).

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This additional funding would then allow the industry to contract MAF to carry out 1093 apiary inspections and beekeepers 148 inspections mostly during diseaseathons. MAF to pay wages to some temporary inspectors. Messrs Wallingford, Martin and Wraight voted in favour of the proposal, Miss F Trewby and Mr Herron voted against.

With regard to the branch project, it was agreed that a reference be made to the proposal in the next issue of Buzzwords and that the President and the Executive Officer communicate with branches outlining the details of the proposal, and, also, that they should be responsible for vetting and approving the applications when received.

Mr Wallingford undertook to prepare a background paper for the Minister in respect of the proposed increases in Hive Levy for 1992/93.

With regard to the provision of funds to the Ministry it was agreed to ask Mr Reid for an expenditure proposal in respect of this money.

The Executive Secretary, Mr Wallingford to prepare the application to the Trustees for the bridging finance/grant.

It was agreed that in the light of the fact that the current Commodities Levy guidelines were unusable that Mr Martin ensure that the industry is represented at future meetings of the Land User group. In the event of him being unable to attend he ensures that another member of the Executive represents the Association.

The Executive Officer was requested to draft a submission to the Minister seeking amendments to the Hive Levy Act in respect of the definitions of a Hive and of a Beekeeper.

With respect to a request for finance from the Waikato branch it was agreed that this be acknowledged and advise that the matter was now being handled by the President and Executive Officer.

MARKETING: 18.

It was agreed that the Executive would support the application of the Marketing Committee/Taskforce group for funding to the Trustees.

EDUCATION:

1. The Executive Secretary was requested to pursue the matter of the video on Basics with the Canterbury branch.
2. Miss Trewby reported that the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee would be meeting early in October.

The meeting agreed to the provision of a free subscription to the Beekeeper for Telford Bee Unit Graduates on the understanding that Mr Gavin McKenzie would make a list available to the Executive Secretary. Any magazines to be sent overseas would be by surface mail and the free subscription would be only available for a 12 month period. Mr McKenzie to draft a suitable letter to be sent out with the first issue of this programme.

3. The meeting agreed to the proposal from Mr Heineman in respect of making available some library material to the Telford Polytechnic for use by students. Only books of which there are more than a single copy would be made available. The proposal had the following conditions :
 - a) List of loaned books to be kept by librarian
 - b) There be a bulk fee payable by Telford
 - c) The tutor at the College to be responsible for the borrowed material and for collection of the fee
 - d) The librarian to audit the borrowed material annually.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
AND

- PUBLICATIONS:
1. It was noted that there was insufficient documentation to allow a review of industry publications and editorial arrangements. It was agreed that this be deferred until 1992 and that the editor of the Beekeeper be advised accordingly.
 2. With regard to the proposal for a Beekeeper of the Year Award it was agreed that the Executive Officer prepare a paper on this proposal for consideration at the December meeting.

- RESEARCH:
1. With regard to the establishment of a Beekeeping Research Fund (Mary Bumby Memorial Fund) no further information was available.
 2. The Executive Secretary reported that the NBA Educational and Technical Fund and the NBA Bursary Fund had been amalgamated and an investment of \$8,000 made with UDC Finance Ltd for a 12 month period which would therefore attract its own interest.
 3. With regard to the industry Scholarship the Executive Officer reported that he had been asked by ARAC to access information on rules etc for Scholarship for the next meeting of ARAC to be held in December.
 4. It was noted that the matter of Trust Applications briefing/guidelines was currently under review by ARAC.
 5. It was noted that Miss Trewby would be actioning an NBA response to the DSIR paper Directions for NZ Research.

- ADVISORY: 4.
- The meeting considered the MAF Report from the National Manager covering -
1. Oxytetracycline in Honey Sample : Japan
 2. The Main report August 1991
 3. Export Certification.

5. The Executive Officer reported no change in respect of pending legislation, with the exception of the update given the Executive earlier in respect of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

It was agreed that in view of the costs of the Resource Management Act that individual copies be not obtained for the Executive.

6. With regard to the letter from the Minister concerning Strategic Planning in Agriculture, it was agreed that Mr Gordon Hogg be invited to lunch with the Executive at its December meeting and that the President and the Executive Officer prepare a briefing paper for Mr Hogg prior to this meeting.
7. Executive Officer reported on information available to him in respect of the Possum Control programme and he undertook to appraise Mr Bassett of the present situation.

With regard to the letter to the Chairman of the Animal Health Board, and discussions between their General Manager and the Chairman of Trustees, it was agreed to await until the 1st October to ascertain any response, following which the Executive Officer will discuss the matter with the President.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.20pm for lunch and reconvened at 12.55pm.

ADVISORY: 8. The meeting considered a proposal from Mr Reid concerning the Endemic Disease Control Programme for 1991/92 and it was agreed that the decision taken earlier in the day be amended to provide for a Grant of up to \$300 for branches to cover their direct expenses and that the sum of \$17,500 + GST be made available to the Ministry by the 10th June 1992 on the basis of services outlined in Mr Reid's facsimile of 10th September 1991.

9. Meeting considered a letter from the Ministry concerning a proposed meeting of the Apiaries Advisory Committee, Toxic Honey Restricted Areas. It was agreed that, subject to their acceptance, Messrs Tony Lorimer, Gerard Martin and Jim Courtenay be recommended to the Minister as members of the Apiary Advisory Committee. In the light of the questions posed by the Ministry it was agreed that the Committee should decide on the implementation of an enhanced sampling programme in the Opotiki district and further that the committee should consider all matters of importance within this topic.
10. Mr Wraight undertook to draft a paper for the December meeting outlining concepts which may be covered in an Industry Code of Practice - the other members of the Executive to give consideration to topics which should be covered under such a Code.

With regard to the quality assurance process/export certification system it was agreed to await outcomes from the Ministry and the Executive was made aware that currently negotiations were being carried out between the Queen Breeders Association and the Ministry.

11. With regard to the letter from the Ministry concerning NASS standard 1534.41 it was agreed that copies of this proposal be made available to all those that were at the Exotic Bee Disease and Pest Response procedure meeting in Blenheim with a request that they forward their comments direct to Mr Allen McCaw by the 26th September noting that the responses to the Ministry had to be received by 30th September.

REPORTS:

1. Pollination Association.
Mr Wallingford reported on matters relevant to the Pollination Association.

Pesticides Board.

2. It was agreed that the Association would contribute to the joint advertisement with the Pesticides Board.

ADVISORY: 12.

The matter of attendance by interested parties at sub-group meetings was discussed in general terms. It was agreed that this matter be discussed further at the December meeting.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. It was noted that the only applications receiving support from the Executive to the Trustees were in respect of Marketing, the Horticultural Magazine advertisement and bridging finance for the Endemic Bee Disease Programme.

In the event of a late application from the Animal Health Board it was agreed that this be circulated to Executive who would provide their comments to the President before onward submission to the Trustees.

2. Meeting noted the change of date in respect of the Apimonda Congress.
3. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's report in respect of branch capitation together with a request from the Waikato branch and Mr Wallingford undertook to develop a paper for consideration at the December meeting embodying the concept of capitation on a registered hive basis.
4. The review of the contract for the Management Support Officer/Executive Officer was deferred until the December meeting.
5. The meeting agreed to the following dates for 1992 -

10, 11 & 12th March planning meeting in Wellington.

28, 29th April

Conference in July 1992

15/September

8/9 December

6. The meeting considered the budget for 1992 prepared by the Executive Secretary noting the current shortfall of some \$13,500 and it was agreed to seek an increase in the Hive Levy of 6¢ making a total for the 1992 year of 70¢.
7. The meeting undertook a review of the unpaid hive levies for 1992.

Mr Wallingford undertook to give consideration to the drafting of a standard letter to be sent with the hive levy forms to assist those in responding whose status within the industry had changed.

8. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's financial report being a cash statement for the 8 months ended 31 August, 1991.
9. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for the July/August 1991 period being cheque numbers 196569 - 196620 and 792361 - 792382 and totalling \$52,660.53
10. The meeting noted the letter from Coopers and Lybrand accepting the appointment as Auditors for the current year.
11. The meeting noted the letter from the MAF Consultancy Business Group concerning Contacts in Agriculture which had been distributed to branches and it was agreed that this also be referred to in Buzzwords.

REPORTS:

3. Federated Farmers.
Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

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- GENERAL:
1. Mr Wallingford undertook to action the request for information for the NZ Federation of Disability Information Centres.
 2. Agreed to refer the letter from Jenny Dobson to the Trustees concerning information on the Trust Fund.

DATE OF
NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be held in Wellington on Tuesday and Wednesday the 10th and 11th December 1991.

Meeting noted an apology from Mr Martin for the meeting on the 11th December.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 3.53pm

CHAIRMAN: _____ DATE: _____

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC., HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE N.Z. PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, 11th FLOOR, DALMUIR HOUSE, WELLINGTON, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 10th & 11th DECEMBER 1991, COMMENCING AT 10.05am.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President in the Chair
Miss F Trewby, Messrs K Herron,
G Martin, N Wallingford, & M Wraight
In attendance:
Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer
and for parts of the meeting,
Mr M Reid, Manager,
National Agriculture Business Unit.

APOLOGIES: An apology for early departure on the Wednesday was received from Mr G Martin.

WELCOME: The President extended a warm welcome to all members and recorded his appreciation to members of the Executive for their support and endeavours during the recent emergency.

MINUTES: a) Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th & 11th September 1991, having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendment:

The reference in the first paragraph on Page 8 to 148 inspections, should read 1486 inspections.

b) The Minutes of the Conference Call meetings held on the 8th, 11th, 12th & 13th November, having been circulated were taken as read and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record, noting that these had already been considered.

c) The Minutes of the Conference Call meeting on the 22nd November 1991, having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS**ARISING:**

1. The meeting was advised that there had been no further developments in respect of the Possum Control programme, but this matter would be debated later in the Agenda.
2. It was agreed that as Mr Martin would be unavailable on the 12th March, that the Planning Meeting dates be changed to the 9th, 10th & 11th March 1992.
3. The meeting spent some considerable time discussing and debating the emergency response in the Nelson area. As a result of this debate, the following comments/suggestions emerged:
 - a. The Gazette notice in respect of the control area should have been published in the local media.
 - b. Branches should establish closer media contact within their own area, and to this end should establish a media liaison person.
 - c. That the National Association had the need to appoint a National Media spokesperson.
 - d. The need for more care in deciding on the boundaries for a movement control area.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.37pm and reconvened again at 1.14pm.

MATTERS**ARISING****(con'td)**

- e. It was noted that Mr McCaw was acting as only the co-ordinator of comments in respect of the situation, and therefore those wishing to make comment should provide it direct to him, and this would also include the N.B.A.
- f. It was agreed that the Association should arrange for an authoratative statement to be printed in the next issue of the Beekeeper. The President undertook to advise the Editor of this requirement. The article to be provided by the President, in consultation with the Executive Officer, Miss F Trewby and Mr McCaw.
- g. With regard to compensation, the Executive considered the various alternatives, and the Executive agreed that the Association itself

did not have the financial resources to provide any compensation, but that in the event of any enquiries, the enquirers be advised to make application to the Trustees, and that as an alternative they seek compensation from the Minister, the application being forwarded through their local Member of Parliament.

The President undertook to convey this information to one beekeeper who had already enquired from him.

4. The Executive Secretary reported that Mr Gordon Hogg had been unable to accept the invitation to lunch with the Executive to discuss strategic planning in agriculture, and it was agreed that no further action be taken in this matter.

- MARKETING:**
1. Mr Herron reported that a Conference Call meeting of the Interim Committee of the Exporters Association had been held on the 14th October.
 2. It was agreed to discuss later in the meeting with Mr Reid, the development of a certification scheme for organic honey.
 3. The President undertook to discuss with Mr Bray the provision of information to enable the application to be forwarded to Agmardt.
 4. Consideration of the goals and objectives for marketing were deferred until later in the meeting.
 5. The meeting noted the discussions at the last meeting (Minutes, pages 4,5,12), with respect to Food Safety, an Industry Code of Practice, Honeyhouse Regulations and an Industry Code of Ethics. Mr Wraight indicated that he had made some progress in relation to the concepts which may be covered in an Industry Code of Practice. It was agreed that the matter be further reviewed by the Executive, particularly once the new regulations in respect of Safe Food were available.
 6. The matter of the gathering of honey samples (Remit 7) was deferred until later in the meeting.

7. The meeting considered the letter from the South Canterbury branch on the American Subsidy programme, recently referred to Mr Percy Berry, and it was agreed that copies of his response be referred to the South Canterbury Branch.
8. The Executive noted the copies of correspondence from Mr Percy Berry to the Director of the World Food programme.
9. Executive considered correspondence from Arataki Honey concerning importation of honey in to Australia by travellers, and Mr Reid indicated that this matter was already under action by the Ministry.
10. Consideration of the Marketing Subcommittee notes of the 18th November 1991, was deferred until later in the meeting.

- EDUCATION:**
1. Mr Martin indicated some concern as to the standard/quality of training being provided to young beekeepers entering the industry.
 2. The meeting noted no further progress in respect to the making of a video on Basics.
 3. The meeting considered a letter from Dr James E Tew, concerning articles on selected international beekeeping practices and equipment. Mr Wallingford undertook to refer this matter to the Buzzwords editor.
 4. An offer from the N.Z. Qualifications Authority to have a member on the Primary Industries Advisory Group for the development of national certificate units was declined.
 5. Miss Trewby reported that the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Executive.
 6. Mr Herron indicated that there was nothing to report from the Library Committee.

**PUBLICATIONS
AND
PUBLIC
RELATIONS.**

1. It was noted that the Executive still had to review the matter of industry publications and editorship arrangements.

2. It was agreed that branches again be circulated with material provided by the Bay of Plenty branch in respect of the Beekeeper of the Year contest. Further the Executive suggested that the Bay of Plenty branch may wish to coordinate the first Award, seeing they would be hosts to the Conference in 1994.
3. It was agreed that the Executive would seek financial assistance from the Trustees to meet the cost of printing and updating the profile document in 1992.
4. The meeting considered a letter referred to it by the Editor of the Beekeeper from the Southern North Island concerning advertisements for those wishing to sell honey. The Executive could see no reason why such advertisements should not be accepted on a paying basis.
5. It was agreed that a complimentary copy of the Journal be forwarded to Kelab Hortikultura in Malaysia.

MARKETING:

11. With regard to the development of a conformity standard for organic honey, Mr Reid undertook to give some consideration to the estimated cost for the Ministry to provide such a standard.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Further general discussion took place in respect of the emergency in the Nelson area, now that Mr Reid was in attendance.

RESEARCH:

1. Establishment of a Beekeeping Research Fund (Mary Bumby Memorial Fund).
No further progress.
2. Report from the ARAC meeting held in Blenheim (at the time of the Conference).
No further information.
3. Report from Ruakura Agricultural Research Unit. It was noted that no meeting had been held since the last Executive Meeting.
4. It was understood that ARAC planned to meet in the first half of 1992.

5. With regard to a proposal from Mr McCaw that immediate steps be taken to develop a readily useable diagnostic technique such as an Elisa test for EFB detection, it was agreed that this be proceeded with, and applications lodged with FORST and MORST. The Executive Officer was requested to prepared the appropriate applications. Noting that these closed on 16 December 1991.

ADVISORY:1. The meeting considered a letter from the Associate Minister relating to the Northland Branch's opposition to the increased hive levy. The Executive Secretary was requested to respond to this letter, setting out the Executive's stance in respect of this matter, particularly in respect of the Commodities Levy Act, and the need for an Endemic Bee Disease Inspection service.

2. The Executive Secretary reported that a request had not yet been forwarded to the Minister to consider the 1993 levy, and, after some discussion, it was agreed that this request be now forwarded.

NO VOTE

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5.40pm and reconvened at 8.45am on Thursday, 11 December 1991.

**ADMINISTRATION
AND
FINANCE**

1. In view of the pending departure of Mr Martin, consideration was given to the list of unpaid hive levies.

MARKETING.

12. The meeting considered a paper from Mr Peter Bray, Airborne Honey Limited, setting out guidelines for a New Zealand standard method of gathering honey samples. It was agreed that this be published in the next issue of the Beekeeper, seeking comment from members and branches. Mr Martin undertook to collect the comments received, and report to a subsequent meeting of the Executive.
13. The meeting considered the notes of the Marketing Subcommittee meeting held on the 18th November, and

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- a) Noted the proposal from the committee, that, with regard to the future planning for crisis management, it was the opinion of the committee that this should be a matter reviewed by the N.B.A. at any debriefings in respect of the current emergency situation.
 - b) The Executive adopted the recommendation from the Committee that a regular reminder be contained in Buzzwords about the consequences of imported bee products. The marketing committee was requested to action this recommendation.
 - c) With regard to the recommendation that the Executive hold one of their 1992 meetings in Auckland to continue the favourable communication with Ag. Quarantine Service, it was agreed that the April meeting on the 28th & 29th April be held in Auckland.
 - d) The Executive adopted the committee's recommendation that they support the application from Waikato University for a Scholarship of \$5,000 per year for 2 years to assist Nicolette Brady obtaining an MSc Tech on honey related matters.
14. The meeting considered a proposal from Floyd Marketing Ltd of the 9th December, following which it was agreed that the President would discuss with Mr Floyd:
- i) The funds needed to enable the Waikato University proposal to be further developed, and the details of the activities proposed.
 - ii) Indicate the need for a proposal which fully detailed the goals, objectives, activities etc related to Floyd Marketings proposal, through the period 1992-94 including a detailed budget, with measurement factors provided, and the break points in relation to date and dollar values.
15. Mr Herron reported on current progress in respect to providing IHEO

information, and it was agreed that he continued to obtain this information for submissions to I.H.E.O.

16. Meeting considered the export statistics for the period to October 1991.
17. Mr Herron advised the meeting that there had been no conference calls by the Packers Assn since the last meeting of the Executive.
18. The meeting noted the USDA statistics for October 1991.

ADVISORY: 3. The Executive Secretary was requested to follow up the matter of the amendments to the Hive Levy Act with the Minister.

4. Executive Officer reported that the draft of the Bio Securities Bill would be printed shortly, and would be made available to the Executive for comment.

It was agreed that Executive members would provide their comments direct to the Executive Officer who would need up to 10 days to collate the information for the Ministry.

5. Executive Officer indicated that he had heard nothing further in regard to the Food Hygiene Regulations.
6. Executive Officer indicated that, to the best of his knowledge, the Primary Products Bill and the Agricultural Compounds Bill had been further delayed.
7. General discussion took place with respect to the industry Code of Ethics and the industry Code of Practice. It was the opinion of the Executive that having gone through the consultation processes no further action be taken.
8. The Executive Officer undertook to ascertain the present situation with regard to the Possum Control programme from Mr Nelson.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.10pm.

- ADVISORY:**
9. General discussion took place in respect of the Minister's decision not to reconvene the Apiaries Advisory Committee.
 10. Mr Reid reported that there had been no further developments in respect of the quality assurance procedures/exports certifications system.
 11. With regard to correspondence from Mr Robinson of Katikati, Mr Wallingford indicated that he had spoken to him in respect of his concerns.
 12. Mr Reid indicated that there was no formal report to this meeting from him as Manager, NABU.
 13. Mr Wallingford indicated that there was a nil report from the Pollination Association.
 14. Meeting noted the earlier discussion concerning the Apiary Advisory Committee - it was agreed that this be deleted from future Agendas.
 15. Pesticides Board Report - Nil.
 16. Queen Breeders Association Report - Nil.

**MATTERS
ARISING
FROM THE
MINUTES:**

After some discussion concerning the matter of compensation (following the Nelson emergency), Mr Wallingford undertook to prepare a discussion paper for consideration by the Trustees in respect of available funds for compensation, and/or appropriate insurance cover.

Mr Reid indicated that, having had consultations with the Chief Veterinary Officer, indications were that any applications for loss of production would be declined. Request for compensation for loss of livestock or equipment might be considered, but no guarantee of recompense could be given.

**ADMINISTRATION
AND
FINANCE**

2. The Executive Secretary was asked to ascertain the Trustees' decision in respect of applications made in August for funds.

Executive noted that current applications for assistance in the February round had been received from Waikato University, and the NBA for the profile document.

3. The meeting again considered the Executive Secretary's paper of the 10th May 1991 concerning Capitation. It was agreed that the only change to be made to the current system would be an increase in funding for branches with commercial members in excess of 40 by increasing this from 340 - 400 dollars.
4. The Executive agreed that it was desirable to retain the position of Executive officer, and it was left to the President to negotiate a continuation of this contract.
5. Meeting noted that the 1992 Conference was to be held in Hawkes Bay, commencing the week 20th July, and the Executive Secretary was requested to make available to the branch a copy of the Conference Planning document.
6. With regard to subgroups, it was agreed to request sector groups to accommodate NBA members at their meetings at conference, but noted the groups right to restrict those members participating in their meetings.
7. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary request branches to include their fax contact number when advising the Executive Secretary of any change of President or Secretary.
8. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's financial report, being a cash statement for the 11 months ended 30 November 1991.
9. The meeting considered and approved a schedule of paid accounts for the September, October & November 1991 period being cheque numbers 792383 - 792420 and 792301 & 302, totalling \$35,795.50.
10. The meeting considered a request for deferment of hive levy and the Executive was of the opinion that legal proceedings for collection should continue.
11. The meeting agreed on the following dates for 1992 procedures:

- a) Remits will close on 8 June 1992
 - b) Executive nominations will close at 5pm on Tuesday 26th May. Voting papers will be despatched on Friday 5th June, and voting will close at 5pm on the 26th June.
12. The meeting considered a letter from Mr E R Price concerning the Hive Levy Act. The Executive Secretary was requested to express appreciation for the comments, but noting the need for a workable proposal should any changes be proposed.
 13. The meeting considered the fax message received from the Auckland branch in respect of the Buzzwords article on American Foulbrood Funding and soliciting comment. It was agreed that, subject to Auckland Branch approval, this be circulated to branches to stimulate debate.
 14. Executive Secretary was requested to respond to the Northland branch letter of concern with respect to the hive levy increase.

REPORTS:

Meeting considered documents received from Federated Farmers concerning the land user group, and in particular, in respect of the Commodity Levies Act. The Executive Secretary was requested to advise the convenor that the Association had, at this stage, stepped back from the use of the Commodity Levies Act.

**BRANCH
AFFAIRS:**

It was noted that the Southland branch had indicated a willingness to host the 1993 Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from 309 Honey to Border Protection Services concerning imported product from China. Mr Reid indicated that this matter had already been dealt with by the Ministry.
2. A letter from Dr Lockhart was considered and it was agreed that this be referred to Mr Ben Rawnsley and the Queen Bee Breeders Association.

3. The letter from Mr Jordan to be referred to the Editor of the Beekeeper.
4. M H Alysopp, seeking information on administration. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary supply any information that was easily and readily available.

MARKETING:

19. The President referred to a further fax from Floyd Marketing Ltd. Following further discussion it was agreed that this matter be left to the President and Mr Herron (as members of the Marketing Committee), to resolve. Final decision in respect of parameters was not proceeded with, as the meeting concluded due to a lack of quorum.

DATE OF

NEXT MEETING: It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Executive would be at the time of the Planning Meeting in Wellington, on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 9th, 10th, & 11th March 1992.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 4.15pm.

.....Chairman

.....Date